



DIocese OF MONTEREY

Office of the Safe Environment
Coordinator

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TO: Parents

FROM:

SUBJECT: Opportunity to “Opt Your Child Out” of the *Empowering God’s Children* Program

DATE:

_____ will present a sexual abuse prevention program, called *Empowering God’s Children*, to our students on _____. The creators of the *Protecting God’s Children*TM program developed the *Empowering God’s Children* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Monterey, and is part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at _____. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your child participates. We encourage you to read the attached overview so you’ll be aware of the nature of the *Empowering God’s Children* program. If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact _____.

Please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page, and return it to your child’s teacher no later than _____. If you decide to opt out, we will provide you a copy of the lesson plan so you can teach your child the material at home, if you choose to do so.

If you would like to review the complete *Empowering God’s Children* lesson plan, it is available in the parish religious education office. For more information on the program, visit the VIRTUS OnlineTM website at www.virtus.org.

Opt-Out Form for Use with the Touching Safety Program

Parent’s Name (Printed): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

_____ HAS my permission to present the *Empowering God’s Children* program to my child, whose name is _____

/// OR ///

_____ does NOT have my permission to present the *Empowering God’s Children* program to my child, whose name is _____